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What does TJC mean to you?
I will always be grateful and appreciate the education I received at TJC and especially how I was treated by all the staff and faculty and administration. TJC helped me start my post secondary education and without the education I received there, I doubt I would have completed not only my baccalaureate degree but also my graduate degree in law.

My Golden Memories:
Besides graduation day, one of my fondest memories is being a member of Coach Wag's 1947 Conference Championship football team and playing with Bill "Tiger" Johnson. I can still remember the day we won the big game against heavily favored Kilgore College. Thanks to Tyler Junior College, I was awarded a football scholarship to the University of Kansas where I received honorable mention for All-Conference in the Big Seven Conference.

Why is it important to stay connected to TJC?
Tyler Junior College was an extremely important part of my life and it still plays an integral part in our system of higher education. The College allows thousands of young people to start their education and it gives them the opportunity to have successful, rewarding careers. I am proud to support my College by being a lifetime member of the TJC Alumni Association. I like having this special bond with my *first* College and it feels great knowing I am helping Tyler Junior College change lives.

Robert V. Talkington

Help celebrate Tyler Junior College's 75th Anniversary by joining the TJC Alumni Association. Add your name to our great group of former students (not just graduates) that support their College and its educational mission through membership. For just $25, you can help establish scholarships, support Alumni events, and stay connected to your College. Join this summer and as a special thank you, we'll send you a 75th Anniversary t-shirt and bookmarker! Think you're a member—did you get a Summer *Pow Wow Preview*? If not, please give us a year and find out just how rewarding membership can be!

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Plus, Lifetime members ($150) also receive a membership certificate, the book A History of Tyler Junior College, 1926 to 1986, *a 75th Anniversary bookmarker, and a pewter TJC Alumni car tag frame.*

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In this issue ...

In this issue of the Apache we look back at the College's 75 th Anniversary year, a year of celebration and achievement.

If you were one of the many who had the opportunity to be on our campus for anniversary activities, you know what a magical school year it has been. If you were not in attendance at the recent Decades of Diamonds 75th Anniversary celebration, April 26 at Harvey Convention Center, we hope the pictorial review on pages 15 through 18 will provide a glimpse of the spectacular performances by our student groups.

In our features section, we bring you memories of the first graduating class of Tyler Junior College. Nita Wilson talked with six members of this First Class and learned that parking near class was pretty easy back then—even if you rode a horse to school!

Nursing is a vocation in demand and has been for about as many years as TJC has been producing nursing graduates. This year students and instructors of the Texas Eastern School of Nursing and the TJC associate degree nursing department celebrated 50 years of training students to enter the work force. As we learn from this article, a lot has changed since the days of white caps and hose, but the department's rigorous curriculum has not.

In the On Campus, Arts and Sports sections, you may catch up on the latest campus developments. And, you'll enjoy reading about Emma Lou (Wyatt) Prater, new Alumni Association President.

While perusing through the Class Notes section, a personal accomplishment of your own may come to mind. Be sure to let us know by dropping a line, and if you haven't already joined the Alumni Association, simply use the form on page 25 to do so.

We hope you enjoy this issue, and we look forward to bringing you another near the close of the summer.

The Editors

from the office of the PRESIDENT

PLANNING FOR GROWTH

Dr. Bill Crowe talks about the new campus master plan.

Interview by Fred Peters

Apache: In the last issue you briefly discussed a new campus master plan developed by 3d International. The study outlines some suggested campus improvements in three phases over the next 75 years. How do you see the College responding to those suggestions?

Dr. Crowe: We've spent a considerable amount of time thinking about the next 75 years as we've celebrated our 75th anniversary. We want to be careful that we stay focused on our business, and our business is people. Buildings are nice to help us carry out the functions of education and it is nice to have nice looking facilities, but the reason we have those facilities is to serve our students and the community. The new master plan started with the process of thinking about the growth of enrollment and the potential of growth for our community and our service area. We had to ask ourselves: 'If we grow, where are we going to fit these new students?'

The other dynamic of that is to ask ourselves what services we do not offer our students that we really should, such as (additional) residence halls. Some glaring things came out of the report: the need for more residence halls, the need for more student recreational space … and the need for more classroom space. How much of that we do will be subject to a lot of things, primarily the level of state support.

What has happened over the past 10 years is that while the local tax base, private giving and student tuition and fees are local monies that we're supposed to be able to use to support the physical plant, we're actually using close to 60 percent of that money to offset what the state doesn't fund on the instructional side. So, if state funding doesn't increase, then it will be very difficult for us to do many of these projects. But, we have some immediate needs. We have an immediate need for more parking space, we have an immediate need for some additional classroom space and we have somewhat of an immediate need to do something about student recreation. Those are our three top priorities. How fast we're able to respond to those needs will be contingent upon state funding and how well our development operation works.

Apache: Of those projects, are there some which are clearly private-funding driven and other projects which maybe are clearly not going to be private-funding driven?

Dr. Crowe: Well, I think the one that jumps out that is clearly not going to be private-donation driven is the parking solution. If we build a parking garage or buy some more land to build parking lots there aren't many people who would want to contribute funds to have that project named in their honor. We just presented to the Board the first three phases of the landscape plans for the campus that tie into the master plan that 3dI did. I would think that would be all donor-driven. We won't do those projects unless we have donor support. And, I would hope that the other facilities projects will be donor-*led*. I would hope that we would at least be able to find lead donors to help us get those projects off the ground, and then use a combination of private giving and some institutional resources.

Apache: What is the next step? Is there a need for the College to further prioritize the projects of the master plan?

Dr. Crowe: Well, the projects were presented in three phases and 25-year increments. The first 25 years are obviously pretty critical. The immediate priorities now are that: one, we want to finish the Skills Training Center and get it opened; and two, we want to fund the child development center project with the Salvation Army and the Junior League. Until we get (the child development center) completed we're not really ready to jump off into another fund-raising push for another facility. After that, however, I would think, personally—presuming we've resolved the parking problem—that our next big issue is classroom space. If we're going to grow anywhere near the rate that the state predicts we may grow, then we will need more classroom space.

Apache: Can that additional instructional space be provided without new land acquisition?

Dr. Crowe: Well, it's all a bit of a puzzle. Most of the building projects that 3dI identified are slotted for parking lots—that's where the open space is. So, if we're going to build a classroom facility it's going to be on

One of the master plan's suggested design elements is the addition of "campus portals" for various entry points, like this one on the east side.

one of our existing parking lots, which means we're going to have to have solved the parking problem first. We do an exit survey of our students each year to find out what they like and don't like about Tyler Junior College and parking is always the number one issue students didn't like, and *by far* over the next-highest item. If 60–70 percent of our students indicated they felt parking was the biggest negative about the College, the next highest-ranked item is usually 6 or 7 percent.

Apache: There is some work going on at the east end of campus now to cover a drainage area and connect two parking lots behind Pirtle Technology and the tennis courts. How much will that help?

Dr. Crowe: We're going to gain about 60 spaces out of that project and we have a couple of parcels of land that we're going to look at possibly paving that are a bit more remote. At this point I don't know how much those lots would be used. However, we're in the process, thanks to a rather generous gift from Lou and Joseph Ornelas, of trying to purchase property to the east of campus that will allow us some more room to expand. Before we invest a lot of money in new parking spaces, though, I think we ought to have a better feel for how much additional space we really need. … 3dI believes that we will eventually have to build a parking structure (garage), that we're not going to get enough surface spaces to handle the need. When you look at how often our facilities get used by outside groups it's just staggering, in addition to the students. But what I don't want to do is over-build.

Apache: Is one of the possible solutions to the need for classroom space to renovate and expand Potter Hall?

Dr. Crowe: One of the projects that 3dI identified is that if we wanted to add more classroom space we could renovate Potter Hall and while we were renovating it we could add on another wing to the east. It's a good structure, it's well-built and I think with some renovation you could make it a little more functional and add classroom space.

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—Dr. Bill Crowe

Apache: In March the Board approved designating the area where the RTDC is located as the College's West Campus. How do you see that portion of the 3dI plan coming about?

Dr. Crowe: With the Skills Training Center being completed this fall we will about max out the space at the West Campus, so if we're going to grow out there we really need to look at acquiring some more property, and that's what 3dI recommended. We're projecting a fairly modest growth rate. What we'd like to do is grow 2–3 percent per year. But the state predictions are that we may grow at a rate as high as 5–6 percent per year and if grow at that rate then we may need to spend $110 million over the next 10–15 years. That would present a real challenge.

The important thing to note is that as we plan for expanding and updating our campus facilities, we're working just as hard on the instructional side. The brick and mortar plans are just a result of the hard work being done on the academic side. We're trying to build our programs, be responsive to the community and do the best we can to meet the educational needs of our student population.

The First Class Was Truly

By Nita Wilson

Tuition was $62.50 per semester when the first students enrolled at Tyler Junior College in 1926. A part of the Tyler public school system, TJC classes were held at the high school, at the corner of College and Front streets.

Things were very different then, as two Tyler Junior College originals who returned for Founders' Day ceremonies in the Fall acknowledged.

Dr. Earl Gaston and Bryan Collins, both members of the first class in 1926, were invited to take part in the unveiling of an historical marker, placed alongside Jenkins Hall.

They later offered a glimpse of their TJC experiences.

Dr. Early Gaston and Bryan Collins and 2001–2002 Freshman Class President Mary Ketner unveil an historical marker placed in front of Jenkins Hall as TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe assists. The marker was unveiled on the 75th observance of Founders' Day, September 17, 2001.

Doctor Devotes Life to Helping Others

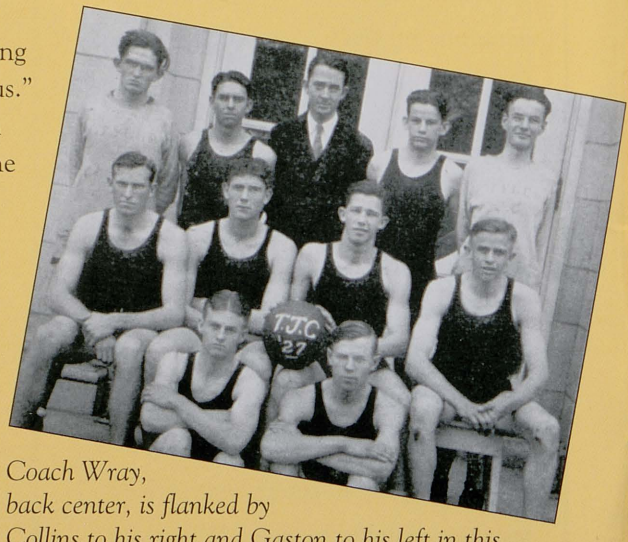
From the time he was a wide-eyed 12-year-old boy, Earl Gaston wanted to be a doctor. He just wanted to help people.

Now the 93-year-old TJC alumnus can say that he has done just that in a "full life" that has seen him make many medical contributions as a family physician.

A member of the TJC basketball team, Dr. Gaston recalls playing basketball in the old high school gymnasium. He laughs about the height "requirement." He said, "We were all short. The tallest basketball player was not even 6-feet tall. We were just a bunch of country boys from Bullard and Tyler."

Another difference between today's junior college experience and the 1920s junior college experience is the course work, Dr. Gaston said. "Now you have a major in junior college. When I went, we just took everything they offered us."

Dr. Gaston remembers the excellence of the teaching staff. "(President) Hodges picked out a top bunch of women and men to teach us. And I am



Coach Wray, back center, is flanked by Collins to his right and Gaston to his left in this photo of the first TJC basketball team.

'First Class'

very happy to know that has been carried on through the years."

One science project that made Dr. Gaston legendary among the teachers was the case of the horse bones. The father of a classmate, Glaucius Barton, had a horse that had departed for that big corral in the sky. The two buddies decided the bones would be the perfect science project, so the pair reconstructed the horse! The project stood on its own merit—so to speak—displayed in the science building for a while.

Dr. Gaston went on to attend The University of Texas at Austin and then The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

After graduation, the majority of Dr. Gaston's career— 53 years—was spent in general practice in Kingsville, Texas. "I did everything there ... and most of it for nothing, because it was right after the Depression. I remember delivering babies on the ground."

Dr. Gaston's daughter, Margaret Clayton, who attended the Diamond Anniversary dinner on September 17 with her father, said he took care of the people of the area whether they had money or not. "He worked long hours. He made house calls—sometimes one-and-a-half hours away. In fact, he made house calls until the day he quit practicing, about 13 years ago."

"And they loved him. When he retired, they had Earl Gaston Day," she said.

Dr. Gaston still keeps in touch with his biology buddy, Barton, who recalls they named the science project horse "Napoleon" because he was a "bony part."

Off-Campus Horse Parking Provided

Barton, who grew up on a farm three miles from Tyler, was no stranger to horses. When his father would give him the reins to Bill, one of the family plow horses, he would ride, rather than walk, to college.

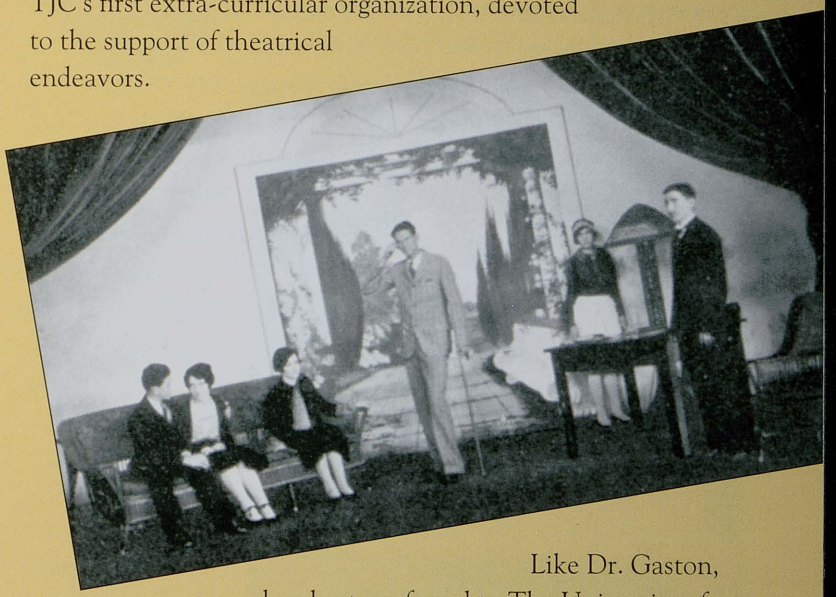
"During the fall, my father didn't have a big demand for him, and I'd park him at the wagon yard," Barton said. Tyler

provided stalls and troughs at the yard, located on South Fannin Street, near the old Smith County jail. "I'd walk down there during lunch and give him feed and water," he said.

Later, he would ride to the Piggly Wiggly grocery store where, he worked afternoons stocking shelves.

Perhaps his work experience accounts for the trust of his peers. He was chosen class treasurer, and he was assistant business manager of the *Alcalde*, the school yearbook.

In spite of his busy schedule, he found time to perform on stage. He was one of the founding members of Las Mascaras, TJC's first extra-curricular organization, devoted to the support of theatrical endeavors.



Like Dr. Gaston, he also transferred to The University of Texas at Austin with plans to become a doctor. However, he chose to major in accounting and later returned to Piggly Wiggly in the summer of '32—the height of the Depression. Marriage dreams had replaced med school plans, and he soon began a career with Swift Meat Packing Company.

Ms. McClendon Went to Washington

Sarah McClendon did not dream of becoming a reporter. She said it hadn't entered her mind until Ms. Lillian Howell, language and drama instructor, pointed her finger at the TJC student and said, "You, Sarah McClendon, will go to the University of Missouri School of Journalism and learn to be a reporter."

Apparently, Ms. Howell had tremendous prophetic powers. However, it seems unlikely she could have known that the popular, petite, red-haired young lady would gain a national reputation as the White House reporter not afraid to run away from the pack. During 11 different administrations, she was the journalist at Presidential news conferences who would ask the tough questions.

She says proudly that she got her start at TJC. "It means a lot to me. I would never had gone to college if it had not been for TJC."

Perhaps performing on stage helped her feel comfortable in the spotlight. "Drama was so much fun," McClendon said. "I enjoyed it very much."

She also led an active social life with her classmates. "We would go to the drug store across the street," she said. "We had a really good time. Sometimes we stayed a little too long."

Nevertheless, the students were also competitive and worked hard. "I learned at TJC what it was to study," she said.

After graduation from TJC, she followed Ms. Howell's directive and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She returned to Tyler and became a reporter for the *Tyler Morning Telegraph* and *Courier Times*.

Sarah McClendon speaks to an audience on the TJC campus in the late 1980s.

During World War II, she served as a lieutenant in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps where she was assigned as a public relations officer at WAC headquarters in Washington, D.C.

After the war, she joined the staff of the *Philadelphia Daily News*. However, in 1946, she returned to Washington and opened her own news service. She became a syndicated columnist, White House reporter, radio broadcaster, author and national lecurer. Her books, *My Eight Presidents* and *Mr. President, Mr. President,* chronicled her years covering the White House.

During her distinguished career as a journalist, Ms. McClendon has received numerous honors and awards including the National Women's Political Caucus Lifetime Achievement Award, a Headliner award and recognition from Women in Communications, the National Federation of Press Women and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was the first woman approved for membership in the National Press Club. In 1998, she received TJC's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Always an advocate for veterans, she is very proud of her work to construct the World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. and of The Sarah McClendon House, a homeless shelter named in her honor as a champion of people in need.

One of Ms. McClendon's friends, bridge partner Bryan Collins, also played football and basketball at TJC. Now, at 95, he's an avid golfer who plays almost every day.

TJC Vet Becomes War Veteran

Collins took up golf when he returned to San Francisco after serving as a U.S. Navy petty officer in the Pacific during World War II.

At TJC, Collins apparently excelled in time management. In addition to classes and sports, he worked part-time at Robert Allen's Department Store. "I walked to the store after classes," he said. "After work, I took the bus home." He kept that schedule six days a week. "We had classes from 8 a.m. to 12 on Saturdays," he said.

Of course, he also found time to study. "We had wonderful teachers," he said. "But it was a lot of work. One of our teachers had a sister who taught at The University of Texas at Austin. Their classes were just alike."

Unlike many of his classmates, Collins did not go directly from high school to college. He graduated from high school before TJC was established and worked for a year at Mayfield Grocery. "When they started the college, I thought it was a good chance to continue my education," he said. He's glad he took advantage of that opportunity.

A First Class Student Chosen Good Neighbor

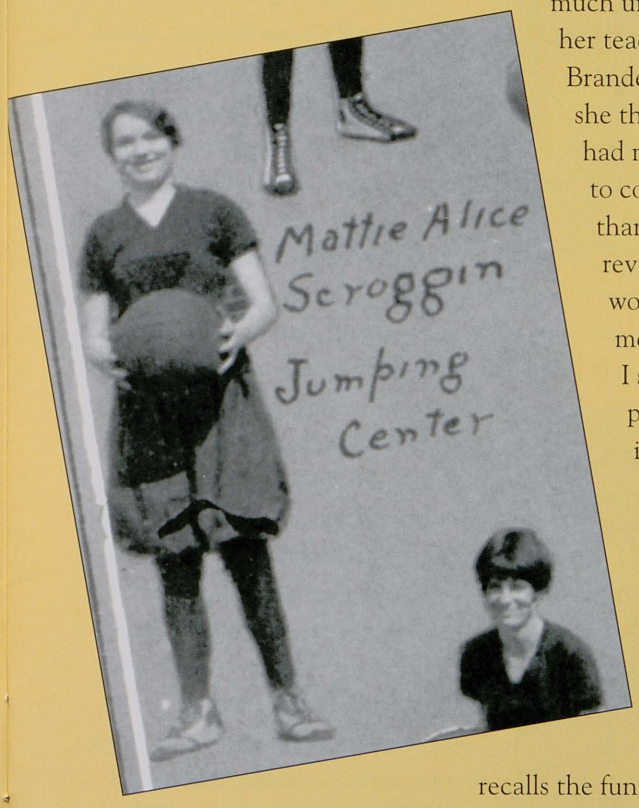
For another of Sarah McClendon's friends, Helen Tedford Emison, college life brought few changes and no transition problems. "We walked home from high school and college together every afternoon," Emison said recently. "We talked and laughed and had so much fun."

A Spanish major, Emison studied at the University of Mexico as one of the first members of a Good Neighbor student exchange program. After receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and graduate studies at Southern Methodist University, she taught in the Irving school district.

The former teacher praised the TJC faculty, whom she credits for having a tremendous impact on her life. "We had wonderful teachers, and we received a wonderful education at TJC."

"Anything worth doing is worth doing well" was her mother's advice that she always tried to follow. "We expected to do things well," she said.

During her first semester, Emison was very shy and didn't say much until one of her teachers, Allene Brandenburg, said she thought Helen had much more to contribute than she revealed. "It did wonders for me. After that I started participating in class," Emison said. Plus, she participated in extra-curricular activities. She recalls the fun of working on the college yearbook, the Alcalde, with her cousin, Mattie Scroggins Baker.



Although she preferred working backstage to performing in front of the footlights, she enjoyed the drama productions and working with her classmates. "Nearly all of us belonged to Las Mascaras," she said.

However, Dr. Edwin Potter enjoyed centerstage. An avid actor, he won the contest that gave the drama club the name, Las Mascaras and made a name for himself at TJC. It's a name that will live on for future generations of TJC students.

Dr. Potter Liked TJC So Much He Returned

Like his classmates, Edward M. Potter praised the first faculty and credited them for the success of TJC and it's "first class" students. "The great teachers are the reason TJC reached the sky. The faculty had a tremendous interest in the students. No question that had a great influence on the class. It gave us a very favorable feeling of success." He said the students appreciated that.

No question, TJC had a tremendous influence on Dr. Potter—first as a student and then as a career. He credits his TJC foundation for helping him to graduate from The University of Texas, Austin with highest honors. He earned a master's degree in history, and in 1954, he received an honorary doctorate from East Texas Baptist College.

After college, he married his long-time school and college sweetheart, Myra Brooks, who was also a member of TJC's first class. The couple made their home in Tyler, where he was named principal of Douglas Elementary School.

During World War II, he served as an intelligence officer in the Army Air Corps and was assigned as the Central Pacific Air Transport Command historical editor in Guam.

When he returned to Tyler after the war, he also returned to TJC, where he became assistant Dean. In August 1946, he became dean and later was named Vice-President.

After his retirement in 1972, he continued to serve TJC as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1975 through 1992.

He and his wife traveled across the United States and around the world prior to her death last year.

When the first president of TJC, G.O. Clough, addressed the students of 1926–27 in the first yearbook, he raised the question of what would be the spirit of TJC. "As students in the first year of its history, it is yours to say," he wrote. "Shall it be truth, honor, and integrity, or shall it be carelessness and indifference…." No doubt, he would be pleased to know the first students are first-class.

(Shelley Roark contributed to this story.)

The Golden An... of ...

They don't just give you a shot in the arm. The knowledge to provide medical treatment, the ability to administer diagnostic examinations and the skill to bandage a wound are just a few of the skills taught for 50 years at Tyler Junior College's nursing program. A gentle touch for an injection and a kind word for someone in need are additional roses in the bouquet.

In August 1952, the first class of nursing students received their caps and pins. They all wore starched, white aprons, caps, white hose and shoes.

During 50 years of training nurses, the uniform has changed to a navy blue top with white slacks, and, during that time, almost every life in the Tyler area has been touched by graduates of Tyler Junior College's nursing program. They serve in doctors' offices, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and various other roles in East Texas and across the United States.

To celebrate their achievements, a Grand Jubilee golden anniversary celebration was held May 10th in Rogers Student Center followed by the annual pinning ceremony. Fittingly, the events fell during National Nurse's week, which traditionally ends on May 12—Florence Nightingale's birthday.

Current Associate Degree Nursing Department Chair Lylith Nicholson said it was the community that helped establish the program. "We've always had a lot of community support. That's the reason the program began—the need for nurses and the community support. I believe that's why it's been so successful," Nicholson said.

Dr. Jim Vaughn, long-time TJC supporter and retired TJC Board member, has been a faithful supporter of the program for decades. The Vaughn Foundation contributed to the Texas Eastern School of Nursing and has donated funds to help train nurses, buy equipment for the skills laboratory and for operational expenses.

"If we have a need for something or if we need our students in clinical training at a particular time, we just call the administrators at the area hospitals, and they try to meet our needs the best way they can. It helps create a good working environment for the faculty and the hospital staff and their managers," Nicholson said.

The nursing department also praises doctors' spouses whose assistance ranges from scholarships to refreshments on special occasions.

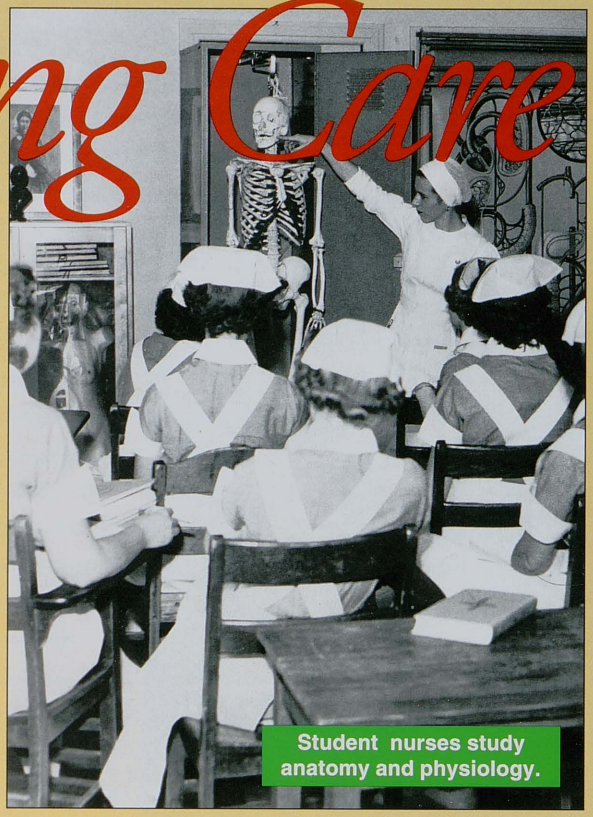
Capping of the first class in May 1952.

Nicholson said one of the highest compliments for the TJC nursing program comes from hospital and clinic administrators. "They hire our graduates," she said. "We have had hospitals from all over Texas come to recruit our graduates, and we have students coming from all over areas of Texas. They've heard that this is an excellent school."

For centuries, men have provided nursing care as military medics or monks; however, when the TJC nursing program began, few men earned nursing degrees. Each decade, the numbers increase.

niversary Nursing Care

By Nita Wilson



Student nurses study anatomy and physiology.

With the women's movement in the 70's, careers opened for individuals based on factors other than gender. Depending on an individual's interests, it's really an open field for males and females and people of all ages.

As the student population has grown, the nursing program has become more diverse. Beginning classes may include recent high school graduates along with grandparents.

The graduates, who are now working professionals, are always ready to mentor the students when they're in clinical, which is always a big asset. She encourages the students to work together as a team and help each other. She points out that in the future, a classmate may care for them or a family member.

For Nicholson, seeing how well the graduates have performed is always rewarding. "It's also rewarding as a patient to have your graduates taking care of you," she said with a laugh. As a clinical instructor, she knows she's going to receive A+ care.

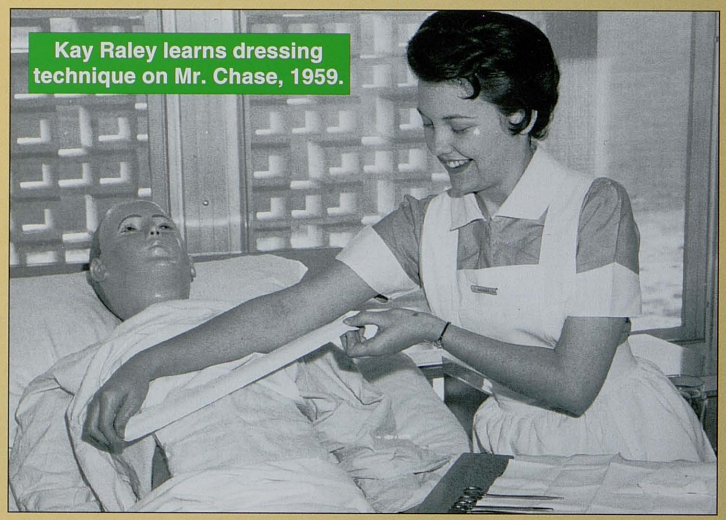
In the beginning, student nurses completed a three-year diploma program. In 1982, it became a two-year associate degree nursing program. It began because of a great need for nurses. The College's Vocational Nurse Education program was already active.

When Nicholson was an 18-year-old student nurse, she says she didn't consider the tremendous responsibility of her career in life and death situations. "I loved nursing, and I worked for years actively in clinical nursing/patient care" she said.

One day, she had a life-changing experience as a patient. "A procedure was not delivered correctly and caused me a great deal of discomfort," she said.

She decided she needed to teach nursing. "I had gained a lot of practical knowledge not printed in textbooks that you can only gain from practice. I wanted to share with students. There is so much to learn about nursing that it has to be passed on from one nurse to another. You cannot capture it in print for a textbook."

She believes it takes a combination of theory and practice for an instructor to be a good instructor. In addition, she feels strongly that nurses and nurse instructors must enjoy people. "We're in contact daily with people and care for people. We have to preserve the patients dignity and keep them as comfortable as possible even under less than the best circumstances."



Kay Raley learns dressing technique on Mr. Chase, 1959.

The types of care student nurses provide are varied from labor, delivery and pediatric to emergency, surgery and geriatric. During rotations, Nicholson could often tell where students would work one day. "We would get to a particular area, and some would just click, and we knew this is where they will probably come back," she said. "They did extremely well with those patients."

She recalled one especially quiet student who was a good nurse, but not very vocal. "When she rotated to o.b. (obstetrics), you could see the shine and the glow. She became more active. She was more vocal. She interacted well with the mothers, and she was so thrilled with the babies." After graduation, she became a labor and delivery nurse.

Left to right: Mrs. Lottie Caldwell, Norma Crowly, Dr. Jim Vaughn, Mary Doug Denton and Carolyn Johnson take part in tree planting for new residence in 1960.

However, after witnessing a birth, (a requirement for all nursing students) one young man decided that he definitely was not interested in becoming a delivery nurse. One experience as a spectator at labor and delivery was enough for him. He even had doubts about becoming a father.

On the other hand, another male nurse loved working in the nursery. "He was wonderful caring for the babies." Another former male student enjoyed working on the pediatric floor and became a pediatric nurse practitioner which requires a master's degree.

Marie Jackson, retired program director, recalls how much she enjoyed teaching her field of maternity nursing. "Some people don't think it's as exciting as the E.R. or I.C.U., but watching a delivery really is watching a miracle," she said. "It was wonderful to watch the students. Many of them had never seen a baby being born."

During the early days when the program took three-years to complete, students learned skills now practiced more by vocational nurses. Jackson recalls one student who had never made a bed. "We didn't have fitted sheets then, so the students learned the proper way to fold and tuck the corners," she said. The novice bed maker had perfect corners and the sheets tucked in tightly; nevertheless, there was one problem. "The patient was like a mummy. She couldn't move," Jackson said with a laugh.

Another student, who was skipping class, apparently found a word in one of her textbooks that she liked. However, it's unclear if she didn't take the time or if she was just too tired to learn the definition. She told Jackson she couldn't make it to class because she had "lethargy."

In spite of occasional amusing events, Jackson praises the students who became nurses. "They were very serious, hard-working students who became wonderful, caring nurses," she said.

The faculty has always been first-rate, and Jackson praises the nurse instructor for being good role models for the students. "The faculty still goes to the hospitals with the students," she said. "The students know the faculty knows what they're teaching."

Most of them, like Karan Dublin, with two TJC degrees, have 15–20 years experience. "I love it," Dublin said. She has worn traditional white uniforms and surgery scrubs in a number of hospitals in the area. She continues to work part-time to keep up her skills and to stay knowledgeable of the latest procedures. To her, TJC students are still tops. "I've worked with students from other nursing programs, and they're just not as prepared as the TJC students," she said. She believes the experienced faculty with high expectations and a respect for students is a major factor.

"The quality of the TJC program is unmatched," said Danice Greer. She credits the low instructor-student ratio. "We have always had so many really good instructors, and they give students one-on-one attention. TJC provides the quality you can't find anywhere else."

She believes the TJC students have superior clinical oppor-

Becky Shoemaker capped by Carolyn Liles, 1965.

tunities. "We have the best facilities. We have fine physicians and hospitals who work with the students," she said.

A 1983 graduate of the three-year program, Greer, is thankful she had the opportunity to attend the Texas Eastern School of Nursing and to work with people like June Murphy, one of the founders of today's program. The amount of time was reduced, but the course content hasn't decreased. "Students get the same amount of quality education in less time," she said.

However, Greer, presently a nurse instructor, has no objections to some things changing. "In the early day, the students couldn't be married, and they lived in a dorm on Beckham. "We wore caps in the hospital and there wasn't as much technology, but the old school was like a little gold mine on Clinic Drive," she said.

She returned to TJC 12 years later as an instructor. In the interim, she worked in a number of places including San Francisco. "Students leave here and go all over the world, but they have job opportunities right here in Tyler and East Texas," she said.

"Now you sometimes see grandparents in their 50's who are entering the nursing program," Greer said.

During Greer's two decades in a hospital and on a college campus, the role of nurses has changed. People live longer, and the length of a hospital stay has shortened. "When I became a nurse, a patient would spend a week in the hospital after gall bladder surgery. Now, with laser surgery, it is an outpatient procedure," she said. "Nurses now spend more time in case management, home health and education."

While many things change, many traditions remain. "The pinning ceremony is so gratifying," Greer said. "You've watched the students grow and become really good nurses."

In the future, Nicholson said she hopes to expand the program by finding more nurses with a desire to teach and young people who want to help others. "The latest estimates are that 28,000 registered nurses are needed in Texas. Our need for nurses will continue to grow as the population grows."

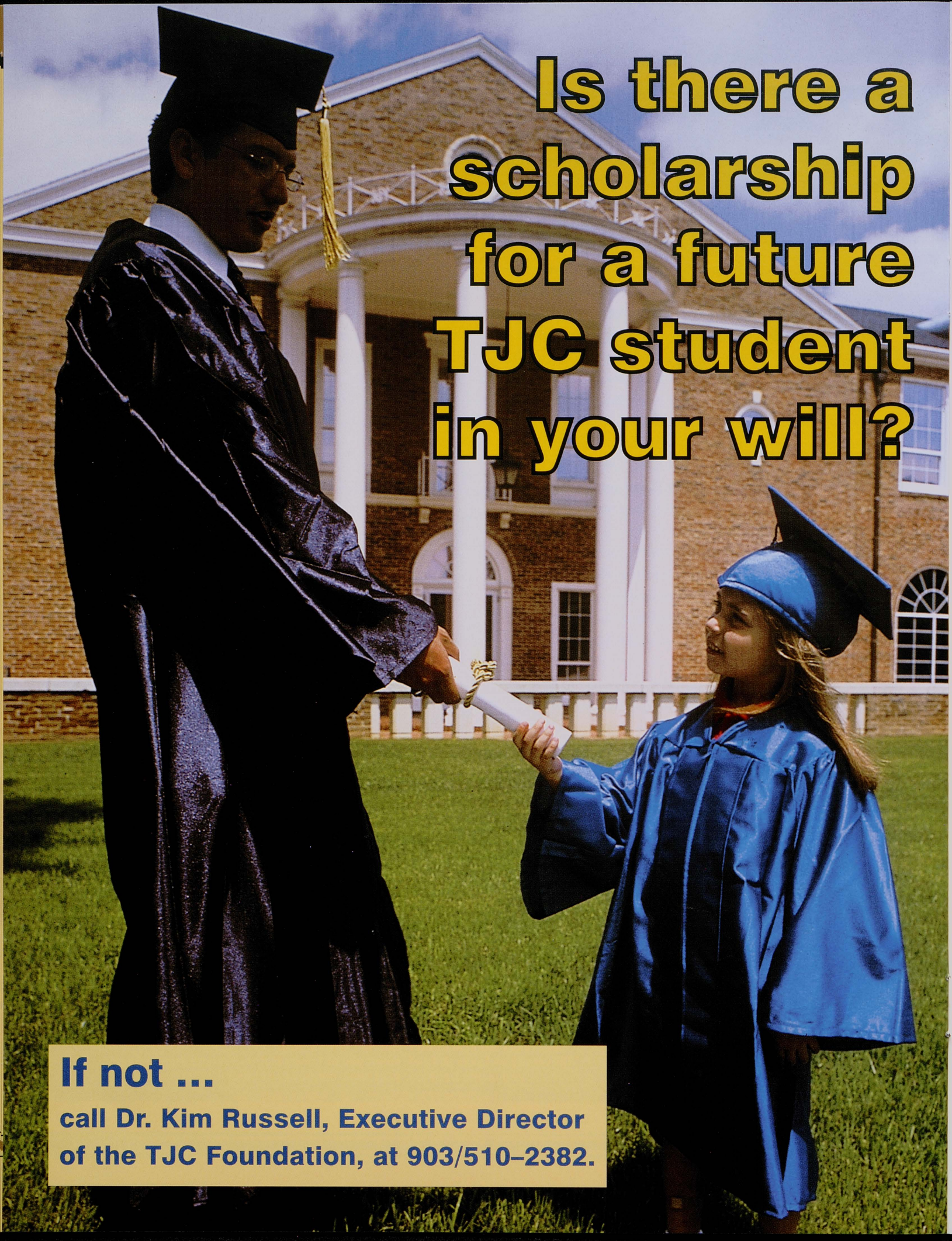
Technology may change the way nurses perform various medical procedures, but Nicholson is confident the primary role of nurses will not change. "Nurses share the joys of a new life and recovery from life threatening injuries and illnesses," she said. "Basically, we care for people. It's awesome!"

Although Dr. Lou Ann Berman, who has served as dean of Allied Health and Nursing for six years, agrees that new healthcare technologies and nursing personnel shortages are just some of the changes nursing students in the first half of the 21st century will face, the goals of the nursing program remain unchanged.

"We will strive to provide the highest educational standards in the classroom, laboratory and clinical settings to ensure our graduates will continue to provide compassionate, competent nursing care to East Texas patients in any healthcare environment they serve," she said.

Dr. Berman is grateful for the strong support of the East Texas medical community for the TJC nursing department. "We feel that we will continue to be successful the next fifty years, and we look forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary with pride."

NURSES RETURN TO CELEBRATE TJC DEPARTMENT: The department celebrated its 50th anniversary May 10 with a reunion reception. Returning to campus that day were, left to right: Galinda O'Connor, TESN 1982, employed at East Texas Medical Center; Rhonda Mathis, ADN 2002; Sue Brown, BSN at The University of Texas at Tyler, employed at Trinity Mother Frances Health System; and Melita Denmon, ADN 1992, employed at Longview Regional.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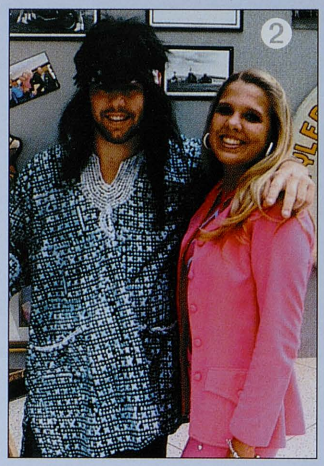
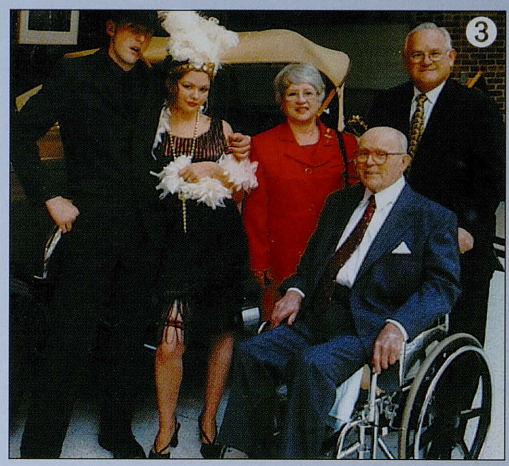
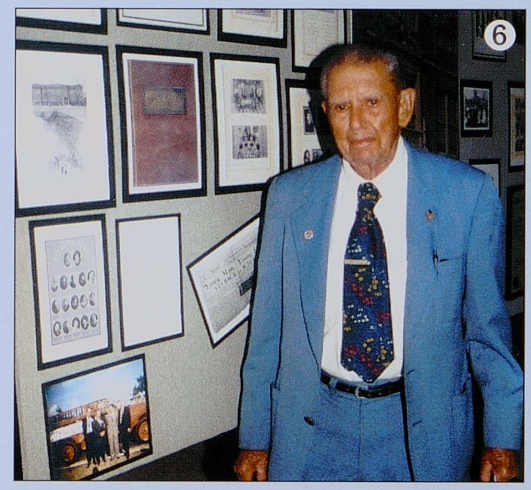
DEVELOPMENT

A look Back at the Decades of Diamonds Celebration

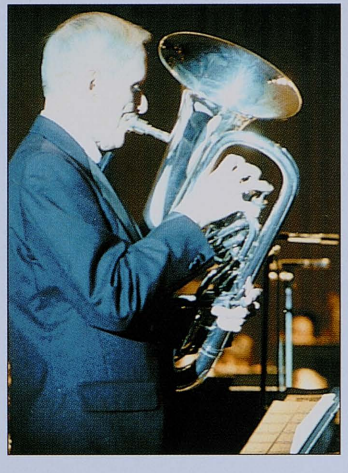






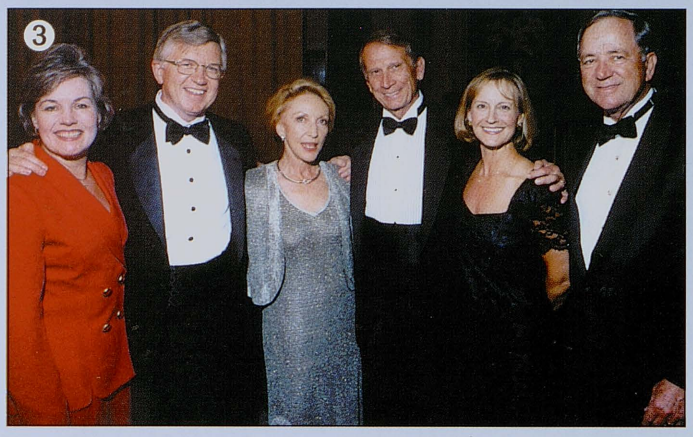
1. Pictorial displays of TJC's past greeted visitors to the 75th Anniversary Decades of Diamonds gala at Harvey Convention Center, April 26. In this display, Ingrid Patrick and Bethany Loudamy represent the 1970's.
2. Current TJC students Cole Glover and Hillary Davenport representing the 60's.
3. Dr. Edward Potter, a member of TJC's first class and retired Vice President, enjoys visiting with students Michael Hicks and Sarah Beam with his daughter Eleanor, and her husband Gerald Morris.
4. Michael Rogers, John Hudnall, Cathy Kimlicko, Joyce Hudnall, Dr. Cheryl Rogers, Gloria Townsend and grandson Brad Townsend.
5. Mrs. Emma Wise with Ken and Kim Tomio.
6. Bryan Collins, a member of TJC's first class enjoys remembering those early years.
7. Billy and Tisa Hibbs.
8. Students Emiliann Bachelor and Emilie Copeland thought the fifty's were "nifty."

Decades of Diamonds

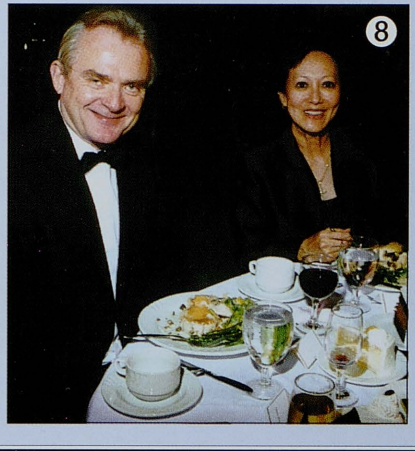


The evening of performances by TJC talent groups included, left to right: the Apache Band, conducted by Ronald Todd; the Apache Belles, with direction from Ruth Flynn; special guest and charter Apache Band member, Dr. Grady Hallman; Harmony & Understanding, under the supervision of Dr. Cheryl Rogers; TJC graduate and noted singer Cathy Kimlicko, who performed a song written for the occasion by Grammy Award-winning TJC alum Will Jennings; Elvis impersonations by the Belles; the TJC Jazz Band, under the direction of Thomas McGowan; and the A Cappella Choir, conducted by Andrew Skoog.

Decades of Diamonds



1. Dr. Bill and Peggy Crowe with gala host and hostess Joseph Z. and Louise H. Ornelas.
2. Back row, Janie Chilcote, Liz Riebe, Jenny Clark, Nancy Clark and Martha McPhail; Front row, A. D. Clark, Bee Clark and Edith Chilcote.
3. Laurie Bruce, Bob Bruce, Mary Dale Thomas, Harold Beaird, Peggy Crowe and Dr. Pat Thomas.
4. Jerry Cross, Dr. Peter Jones, Dean Joan Jones, Linda Cross, Rebecca Foster and Leon Foster.



5. Joseph Z. Ornelas, Representative Leo Berman, Dean Dr. Lou Ann Berman, and Louise H. Ornelas.
6. Paula Ferrell, Oran Ferrell, Linda Navarro, Andy Navarro and Marilyn Thompson.
7. Sheriff J. B. Smith, Dr. Cheryl Rogers, Dr. Aubrey Sharpe and Ben Ferrell.
8. Vernon and Amy Faulconer.

The Arts

David Crawford's *Artesia* Aces Texas Play Contest

TJC's Dr. David Crawford, speech/theatre department chair, has won the 2001 Texas Educational Theatre Association Texas Playwriting Contest for his play, *Artesia*. Approximately 350 plays were entered in the competition held in Dallas.

The three-act play is set in a small Native American reservation store and souvenir shop on the border of Arizona and New Mexico. Storeowner, Eileen Songbird Taylor, faces a dilemma when a wealthy acquaintance offers financial salvation. Meanwhile, the powerful Navajo reservation demands access to her artesian wells.

As Spirit Guide for her people, she must choose between the world's modern ways or preserving holy customs and traditions.

Artesia, as the Texas Education Theatre Association's winning play, was performed during the convention in Dallas and last year in TJC's Jean Browne Theatre in honor of the 75th anniversary of Las Mascaras, the student drama organization.

It was directed by Jacque Shakelford, TJC speech-theatre instructor. The play features five members of the TJC faculty, Rebecca Faulds, M'Liss Hindman, Victor Siller, Clarence Strickland and Stephen Westhafer; the playwright's son, Clint Crawford with Kevin Blount, Robin Cannon, Geoffrey Gargotta and Ricky Grice as members of the cast.

Crawford has also written *Barren Fields, Tangled Garden, Borrowed Plumage* and *Moments*. His plays have been performed in New York, North Carolina, Mississippi, Arkansas and throughout Texas. *Artesia* was also performed professionally in Austin last spring.

Vic Siller as "Crazy Tom" and M'Liss Hindman playing "Jan Jones" in Crawford's award-winning play.

Harmony and Understanding, under the direction of Dr. Cheryl Rogers, performed their popular 50's and patriotic shows in Branson, Missouri in April. They were presented trophies for performances at The Welk Champagne Theatre on April 19. The next day, they sang and danced for the Legends in Concert at the Osmond Theatre, where they earned their second performance souvenir.

Apache Belles Take High-Kick Routine to Disneyworld, 6 Flags

The Apache Belles capped off their Spring semester by traveling to Orlando, Florida to perform on the Tomorrowland stage as part of Walt Disney's 100th birthday celebration, "Magic Days of Music," May 13. This summer, eight Belles will perform at the Six Flags Over Texas theme park in Arlington. Shows will be at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily, June 8 through August 18, on the carousel stage at the main entrance. "These are terrific show opportunities for our girls and I'm delighted they have the chance to showcase their talent and the tradition of our organization," said Ruth Flynn, director and choreographer.

Belles who will be performing at Six Flags are: Kelly Baker, Amanda Johnston, Michelle Johnson, Shan Redd, Bailey Ephland, Lindsey Loftis, Abby Smith, Jennifer Turner, Bethany Sturges, Faralyn Tucker and Sandi Woodward.

The integration of grace, charm and beauty with crowd-pleasing team dance routines have been dazzling audiences for more than half a century.

The Belles and Band have been regular features of the Foley's and Bank of America Thanksgiving Parades in Houston and Christmas parades in Tyler and Dallas. They have also performed during half-times of more than a dozen college bowl games, for the Dallas Cowboys, the former Houston Oilers, at two Super Bowls and for the NBA's Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs basketball games.

They have performed in the spectacular St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, Ireland and have also appeared for events featuring six U.S. presidents and numerous Texas governors.

TJC Forensics Team Captures National Title

The TJC Forensics Team won the 2002 Phi Rho Pi National Forensic Tournament, limited entry division, held April 8–13 in Fort Worth.

It was the team's first national title.

Amy Phillips, Tyler, and Dan Miller, Longview, won gold in Parliamentary Debate, and Miller also won gold in Impromptu Speaking and in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Noah Conklin, of Tyler, won the bronze medal in Impromptu Speaking. Frank Patel, Marshall, also represented Tyler Junior College in the competition.

Miller was also awarded the Student Fellowship Award, and Phillips was runner-up. This is a distinct honor as the recipients are chosen by their peers based on their sportsmanship and friendliness.

Frank Patel, Noah Conklin, Amy Phillips and Dan Miller, during an April 25 reception held in honor of Forensic Team and Alpha Omicron accomplishments.

Tyler Junior College won gold in Overall Sweepstakes, with the top score for all combined events, silver in Individual Events Sweeps and silver in Debate Sweeps.

"More than 400 students from 70 schools across the United States competed. Being the absolute top school in our division with only four students participating is an amazing accomplishment," said M'Liss Hindman, TJC forensic coach/speech instructor.

"The debate team won final and semi-final rounds with unanimous 3–0 decisions. During the tournament, 11 of the 12 judges they had voted for them. This is extremely rare," Hindman said. "The other team of Patel and Conklin just missed breaking in debate as well. They have all worked very hard this year and I am very proud that their hard work was recognized on the national level. This is the first time TJC has won first in Overall Sweepstakes on the national level."

ARTS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED—The art department showcased the works of four art students, April 9 through 26, and held a reception in the Wise Auditorium Art Gallery on April 11. The works of artists Abigail Solomon, Andi Anton and Joshua Herndon (left to right) were featured, along with pieces produced by Paige Gunter. The students worked in a variety of media including painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture. All four students have been awarded TJC art department performance grants to further their art education and all plan to transfer to four-year institutions to complete their bachelor of fine arts degrees to pursue careers in the visual arts.

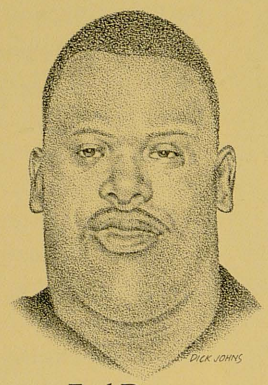
Sports

NFL Lineman, TJC Cage Star Selected to Sports Circle of Honor

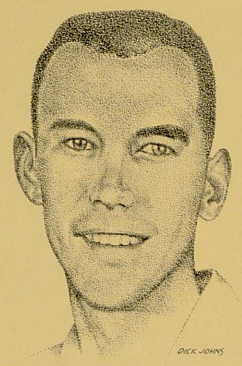
The College will recognize its seventh group of inductees into the TJC Sports Circle of Honor during a banquet on Saturday, June 15, on the TJC campus.

The awards banquet will take place beginning at 7 p.m. in the Apache Rooms of the Rogers Student Center.

The 2002 inductees are: **Earl Dotson**, football, 1989–91 and **Kelly Chapman**, basketball, 1956–58.



Earl Dotson



Kelly Chapman

Dotson is a 10-year professional veteran and has been a starting offensive lineman with the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League for the past eight years. Following the 1999 season, teammates honored him with the Ed Block Courage Award because of his tenacity and desire to play regardless of pain. He is tied with teammate Dorsey Levins for eighth place on the team's all-time postseason games played list.

Following his studies at TJC, Dotson transferred to Texas A&M University–Kingsville (then Texas A&I), where he starred for two years. He joined the Packers as a free agent in 1993.

Chapman was one of Coach Floyd Wagstaff's "best 15" players. Wagstaff coached TJC basketball from 1946–1975. In a *Tyler Morning Telegraph* article dated December 19, 1982, Wagstaff called Chapman "a great jumper, an outstanding basketball player."

Chapman not only topped all 1957 scorers nationally with more than 1,000 points, but also took home the junior college national tournament scoring honors with 112 points in only three games, among the highest three-game totals in tournament history.

Chapman transferred to the University of Kentucky to play for legendary coach Adolph Rupp, but because of family he returned to Tyler and eventually finished his college playing career at Texas A&M University.

While at TJC, Chapman's teammates included Circle of Honor inductees Russell Boone and Milton Williams (1955–56) and Johnny Johnston (1956–57).

Many Circle of Honor members, inductees and guests will participate in the Sports Circle of Honor Barbecue, Friday night, June 14, at the home of Cecil and Joetta Roach. Inductees and other guests will also participate in the Sports Circle of Honor Golf Classic at Eagle's Bluff Golf Resort Saturday morning, June 15. Tee-off is 8 a.m.

To make reservations for any Circle of Honor events, contact Karen Smith at 903/510–2382 or ksmi@tjc.edu

Previous inductees into the Circle of Honor are: Floyd Wagstaff, football and basketball coach and athletic director; James "Babe" Hallmark, football and football coach; Charlie McGinty, football and football coach; Brady P. Gentry, special contributor; Harry Bostic, Herbert Richardson, O'Neal Weaver, James "Poo" Welch, Bonnie Buchanan Gray, Russell Boone, Janice Mulford, V.C. "Buck" Overall, Jose Palafox, Foster Bullock, Van Samford, Milton Williams, Jesse Marshall and Johnny Johnston, basketball; and Bill "Tiger" Johnson, David Lunceford, Jimmy Murphy, Mack Pogue, Jimmy Dickey, Leon Fuller, Bill Herchman, John Linney, Dan Page, Lawrence Strickland, Dwain Bean, Kenneth Bahnsen, Kenneth Coffey, Jack Murphy, Raymond McGallion; Gene Shannon, Charles Quilter and Royce Townsend, football; and Fred Kniffen, tennis.

APACHE LADIES MOVING ON—Three Apache Ladies basketball players recently signed letters of intent to continue their collegiate athletic competition. Head Coach Trenia Tillis looks on as (left to right) Keairra "KeKe" Moore, Chinyere "Stretch" James and Keshun Irving sign letters to play Division I basketball next season. Moore is headed to New Mexico State University; James is headed to Missouri University; and Irving will play at Texas Woman's University.

Men's, Ladies' Tennis Teams Bring Home National Titles

The Apache men's and ladies' tennis teams finished at the top of the pack once again this year with the men claiming an outright national championship and the ladies sharing the national title with an arch-rival.

The men claimed their first NJCAA Division II Tennis Championship in four years by winning the national tournament at Collin County Community College. The ladies finished in a tie with Lee College at the NJCAA Division II Ladies Tennis Championship in College Station.

The men won only one of four championship-round singles matches and split in doubles, but held on to out-point Abraham Baldwin (GA) and Barton County (KA) by six points, 42–36, based upon early-round wins that pushed the Apaches out front. The men won all of their first-round singles matches and four matches on the second day of the tournament. All American Peter Gordon, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Player of the Year, fell to Abraham Baldwin's Renato Silveira, who won his second straight open championship.

The ladies finished in a tie with Lee after key wins by TJC All-Americans Leslie Stewart and Catalina Isaza on the final day of their tournament. Both teams finished with 26 points.

The two national titles bring the College's total number of US championships to 32, with 23 coming in men's or ladies' tennis. In the past 20 years, no college or university has claimed more total national championships in men's and ladies tennis than Tyler Junior College.

The Apaches claimed their 11th national championship and the ladies claimed their 12th outright or shared national title in this year's national tournaments. No other college in America has won or shared as many national tennis titles in the past 20 years.

Twenty-Three TJC Student-Athletes Named to Region XIV All-Academic Team

Tyler Junior College announced today that 23 members of its athletic teams were named to the Region XIV Conference 2002 All-Academic team, the highest number from any school in the conference.

Qualifications for All-Academic team recognition include the completion of at least three semesters of college work, an accumulative grade point average of 3.25 or greater, participation in at least one season at the varsity level in an intercollegiate sport, and have receipt of a letter in one or more Region XIV sponsored sports.

The TJC baseball team led the way with eight student-athletes being named to the team, followed by men's tennis with four, and volleyball with three.

"We are so proud of the student-athletes that were named to the All-Academic Team," said Dr. Tim Drain, Assistant Athletic Director. "These individuals have made the commitment to work hard on and off the playing surface, and they deserve this type of recognition for their academic success. To have twenty-three student-athletes named to the team is not only a tremendous honor to the individuals, but certainly to Tyler Junior College as a whole as well."

Individuals named to the All-Academic Team were:

Baseball: Logan Tudor, Rick Dyer, Jon-Michael Cline, Andrew Marcus, Scotty Diaz, Kyle Spangler, Tom Robbins, Jonathan Lesniewski

Women's Tennis: Francesca Solari, Sheradon Staehlin

Volleyball: Kelly Horn, Rita Olfers, Aundrea Parker

Men's Tennis: Rio Murakami, Michael Parker, Aleks Tunjic

Men's Basketball: Kurt Spurgeon, Courtney Hawkins

Soccer: Matt Smith

Football: Dominic Cravens, Jared Boyd

Men's Golf: Matt Matherne, Collin Davis

On Campus

Alpha Omicron Receives Highest International Ranking in Chapter's History

The Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was named a 2002 Distinguished Chapter and third runner-up the Most Distinguished Chapter of the international honor society at the 2002 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

The fourth-place international finish is the highest ever for the 72-year-old chapter The chapter also placed in the "Top Ten" in the nation for leadership and service and in the top 25 chapters for scholarship. The chapter yearbook won first place in the nation.

Also, Meredith McWilliams, of Canton, was named one of 10 Guistwhite Scholars and received a $5,000 scholarship to the senior college of her choice.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges, with more than 1,200 chapters at community, technical and junior colleges in all 50 states, Canada, Germany, Japan and U.S. territories abroad.

"We are very proud of the members of Alpha Omicron and the recognition they have received for their hard work and their scholastic achievements," said Gigi Beaton, chapter adviser. Other advisers are Cathryn Cates, Judy Turman and Dr. Alan Barnes.

The Hallmark Awards recognize excellence in programs and projects that promote the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. Outstanding chapters, advisers, members, and college presidents are recognized for their achievements at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention each year.

Board Welcomes Two New Members; Clark's Tenure Ends

The service of the state's longest-tenured elected official ended May 7 when A.D. Clark withdrew from a runoff election for the Place 9 position on the TJC Board of Trustees.

Clark's withdrawal officially made a victor of David Couch, who had garnered a majority of votes in the May 4 joint election. Couch, Clark and Ken Ruether had filed for election to the post.

Couch and former state representative David Hudson were sworn in on May 9 to their first terms on the TJC Board. Hudson, who was elected to the Alumni Association Board of Directors last fall, defeated incumbent Ann Snyder for Place 8 in the joint election. With election to the Board, Hudson withdrew from the Alumni Association Board, per the alumni board's requirements.

Hollis Pinyan, Place 7, was unopposed in the election and was sworn May 9 for his second term. New Tyler Mayor Joey Seeber administered the oath of office.

Clark, 83, served on the board for 51 years, including five years as president. His term of service was the longest of any elected public official in Texas. An attorney, Clark practiced law in Tyler 50 years prior to his retirement.

"A.D. Clark has served this College with tremendous integrity and generosity," said TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe, in accepting Clark's withdrawal. "We appreciate his service and interest in our institution."

Clark was first elected to the Board in 1951 and served during the tenures of three College Presidents and 11 US Presidents.

"For a period in excess of 50 years, I have had the privilege and opportunity to participate in the formation and building of Tyler Junior College," Clark said in a statement presented May 7. "As it exists today, TJC is an outstanding educational institution and community asset known throughout the State of Texas and far beyond. … For some time I have considered retiring from the Board and believe that time is now. I also believe the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees will be fully assumed and discharged by our new Board under the excellent leadership of our present administration. I offer my full support to the College in its continued contributions and success."

Snyder, who served one term on the Board, thanked those attending the May 9 Board meeting and said that the College is represented by faculty and staff "who are interested in students and who do anything possible to help them succeed."

Tyler Mayor Joey Seeber administers the oath of office to (left to right) Hollis Pinyan, David Couch and David Hudson.

Cystic Fibrosis Research Fellow Returns to TJC Roots

by Nita Wilson

As a post-doctoral research fellow at Harvard Medical School's Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, Dr. John "Cliff" Boucher works to find a cure for cystic fibrosis, the most common inheritable lethal disease in Caucasians.

"I love research," he said. "When I see patients, I want to do all that I can to find a cure or something that will help make them better."

Normally, he also lectures at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. Recently, he returned to Tyler Junior College to teach a one-session lesson for Allied Health and Nursing students.

Dr. Boucher with his parents, Jim and Zelda, and TJC Dean Dr. Lou Ann Berman (second from right).

"It's very special to come back where it all started," he said. "Without TJC as a springboard, I wouldn't have made it where I am."

Part of the springboard came from his parents, James and Zelda Boucher, retired TJC nurse. However, Dr. Boucher also joins a list of Tyler Junior College students whose lives were changed by extraordinary instructors. He credits Judy Parks Pilgrim, biology instructor, for having a tremendous influence on his life.

"She came in the room so full of fire and energy, I was amazed at her enthusiasm," he said. "She had so much fervor and so much passion for biology." He decided to go to medical school and become a surgeon.

During his senior year at Austin College, Sherman, he was influenced by another professor. "That's where I got the 'bug' my senior year to do microbiology," he said with a smile. After receiving his bachelor's degree, the love bug struck when he met his future wife, Sandra Hickman, of Athens, while taking post graduate classes at the University of Texas, Tyler and teaching labs there and at TJC.

He obtained a master's at the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio and earned a Ph.D. in Microbiology at the University of Michigan. He received the University of Michigan inventor award for his research, "Hyperacidification of Trans-golgi Network and Endosomes in Cystic Fibrosis."

Since then, he has gained national recognition as the recipient of the Cystic Fibrosis Post-Doctoral Research Fellow who has published numerous articles and contributed to textbooks on his high-tech, cutting edge research.

"If people wonder how their contributions to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation are used, I'm it, or part of it," he said with a chuckle. "Donations go to research, treatment and education," he added.

He describes the research facility he uses as "phenomenal" with the capability to do a lot using robotics. Although, the challenges of his field of research are vast, he takes hope in the latest statistics that show the life expectancy for someone with cystic fibrosis has increased from the 20's to the 30's.

However, he said it is not a disease where anyone can say when a cure will be discovered; therefore, he is learning patience. "Ten years ago, many people thought gene therapy was the answer, but it's not as beneficial as people hoped. There are always set backs because there are too many unknowns."

Nevertheless, he remains optimistic, and he says the patients are motivation. "Something around the corner is going to do good," he said. "Hopefully, someday, we will find a cure."

12th Annual International Day

Steve Lichty, left, learns more about India from Sajida Sogra during TJC's 12th annual International Day on April 16. The spring event attracts hundreds of students and the general public to cultural displays about different parts of the world.

Cates, Howard, Singleton Presented Student Awards

The College presented the Watson Wise Incentive Award to Cory Howard and Rotary Citizen of the Year Awards to Matthew Cates and Michele Singleton in April.

As the 2002 Watson W. Wise Incentive Award winner, Howard received a $300 scholarship toward continued education at the senior college or university of his choice. In addition, he received the Watson Wise Incentive Award trophy.

Howard, the son of Van and Gay Howard of Tyler, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He plans to receive an associate degree in psychology this summer and attend The University of Texas at Austin in the fall.

Singleton, the daughter of George and Joyce Singleton of Tyler, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and is a sophomore at Tyler Junior College. She plans to transfer to Texas A&M University this fall and major in speech communication. Her goal is to work with Children's Miracle Network.

She is a member of Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Named to the Dean's List in the fall of 2000 and to the President's List for 2001 spring and fall semesters, she has received a Kelly Springfield Scholarship for three years.

Cates, the son of Cathryn and Dale Cates of Whitehouse, received an Associate of Arts degree with high honors from Tyler Junior College and is majoring in journalism and computer information systems with education certification at the University of Texas, Tyler. He is a graduate of Thomas K. Gorman High School.

As the 2000–01 Phi Theta Kappa Texas regional president, he was named one of ten 2001 Distinguished Regional Officers internationally and was inducted into the 2001 Phi Theta Kappa Texas Hall of Honor. He served as vice-president of scholarship, Student Senate representative, and webmaster of Alpha Omicron. He is active in the Geological Society and Baptist Student Ministries and has worked as a TJC freshmen orientation student adviser.

One young man and one young woman are selected from each of the participating schools in Smith County. Selections are based on scholarship, citizenship, cleanliness, thriftiness, courtesy, loyalty, honesty, service, dependability, sportsmanship and leadership. For 72 years, the Tyler Rotary Club has sponsored the program that has been replicated by Rotary Clubs throughout the U.S.

Left to right, Matthew Cates, Cory Howard and Michele Singleton.

Faculty/Staff Briefs

Dr. Cheryl Rogers, music instructor, fine and performing arts managing director, was recognized during Women In Tyler Day 2002 for her contributions to the arts, and the Tyler Youth Orchestra presented her with the Noted Circle Award for community service and music education.

She also received a plaque from the Texas Association of Music Schools for both two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

Steve Robbins, instructor/department chair, vision care technology, recently received the American Board of Opticianry's Master in Ophthalmic Optics Certification, an honor fewer than 400 individuals nationwide have achieve.

Richard Adams, instructor/department chair, recently passed the Texas Department of Health's Advance EMS Coordinator state examination. There are 48,560 people in Texas certified in some level of EMS. There are only 359 people certified as coordinators.

Lylith Nicholson, instructor/director, associate degree nursing, Amie Bedgood, sponsor of the ADN Student Nurse Organization students of the department donated $200 from sales of T-shirts to New York Firemen and Families. The logo on the T-shirt was designed by one of the students and bears an American Flag with the words "Nurses united in caring for our country." On the front left side it reads "TJC student nurses made in America, 2001.

Jack Caddell, instructor/department chair, health and kinesiology, was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the Wilderness Education Association. Caddell is the new affiliate representative of the more than 35 accredited affiliates (predominately colleges and universities) throughout the country.

Dr. Frank S. Glenn, instructor, psychology, recently had an article he wrote, entitled "The Retention of Black Male Students in Texas Public Community Colleges," accepted for publication in the Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory & Practice. The article appears in Volume 5, Issue 2.

Jason Waller, instructor, criminal justice, was recognized as a HOPE Award recipient April 3 by the East Texas Crisis Center. The HOPE Award is presented to law enforcement officers and advocates against sexual assault and honors outstanding professional service to victims of sexual assault violence.

Melinda Coker, director, career planning and placement services, was one of five individuals from college career planning offices nationwide to be interviewed and featured in the Spring 2002 issue of the Journal of Career Planning & Employment.

ALUMNI

A Word from our Alumni President

Emma Lou (Wyatt) Prater

A Freshman Class Favorite '46

Associates Degree: Tyler Junior College
Bachelor's and Master's: East Texas State University (Texas A&M University—Commerce)
Retired from TJC as Student Activity Director in 1989
Awards and offices held include:
Tyler Junior College 1996 Alumni Black and Gold Award
Sharon Temple Outstanding Community Service Award
State Advisor, Texas Junior College Student Government Association

This is an exciting year for our College and the Alumni Association. In September we kicked off our 75th Anniversary Celebration with a day full of great events. Then in April, we held the closing ceremony, our Decades of Diamonds Dinner—and what a grand finale! It was an evening to remember: the elegant atmosphere, the guests, the food, our talented student entertainers—everything was perfect and I have never been prouder of my College!

I love to tell everyone that I have spent most of my life at Tyler Junior College, first as a student, then as an employee, and after my retirement, as an active member of the TJC Alumni Association—and I highly recommend it!

This year as president, my goal is to get more of our former students reconnected to their College, involved in both campus and alumni events. If you're not an active member of the Alumni Association, you are missing a rewarding and fun opportunity—give us a year and see! (*And remember, you don't have to be a graduate. All former students and friends of the College are welcome to join.*)

There are many great advantages to membership including advance notice and invitations to the College's special events. Members read in the April/May *Pow Wow Preview* newsletter about the 75th Diamond Dinner Celebration, the Nursing reunion, the TJC Austin Chapter Reception, Sports Circle of Honor, and our Alumni Graduation Reception.

Members can also take pride in knowing that their dues are establishing scholarships. We are proud to announce our Fall 2002 Alumni Scholarship recipients:

Judson Bibby, son of Rebecca and David Bibby ✪✪, will receive the TJC Alumni Association Presidential Scholarship.

Tyler Hartwig, grandson of Nancy and David Lunceford ✪✪, will receive our *first* TJC Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

Bethany Loudamy, daughter of Suzanne and Clyde Loudamy ✪✪, will receive our Tyler Junior College Alumni Scholarship.

Jennifer Kochie, daughter of Susan Shniderman☆, will receive our TJC Alumni Association Annual Scholarship.

Also, thanks to alumni dues, this fall we are establishing an additional scholarship program, STARs (Students To Alumni Representatives). This select group of students will represent the TJC Alumni Association at various College and Alumni events throughout the year. Congratulations to:

Jeffrey Beasley, son of Debbie Beasley ☆
Kandice and Nicole Durham, daughters of Sherry Durham ✪
Brian Malone, son of Debbie North ✪
Derek Schueler, son of Mark and Dolores Schueler ✪✪
Craig Smoak, son of David and Becky Smoak ☆☆
Stephen Tomlinson, son of Cheryl Tomlinson ☆

Emma Lou Prater

President, TJC Alumni Association

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Help Tyler Junior College Change Lives

Make a difference through membership in the TJC Alumni Association! Be a part of our future!

Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.) _____ Phone _____
First Middle Last Maiden Name

SS# _____ TJC years _____ Spouse _____ TJC _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check Type of Membership: *ANNUAL ☐ Individual ($25) ☐ Couple ($40)
*LIFE: ☐ Individual ($150) ☐ Couple ($200) ☐ *Optional payment plan $50 a month*

☐ ***Charge*** it to my VISA/MasterCard/Discover Number _____ Expires _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____ Date _____

*Please designate a portion of my membership dues ($10 Annual/$50 Life) to **one** of the following special interest groups:
☐ Athletics ☐ Band ☐ Belles ☐ Cheerleader ☐ Dental Hygiene ☐ Las Mascaras ☐ Music ☐ Phi Theta Kappa ☐ Other _____

Complete form, clip and send to: Tyler Junior College Alumni Association, P. O. Box 9020, Tyler, TX 75711–9020

Class Notes

1934

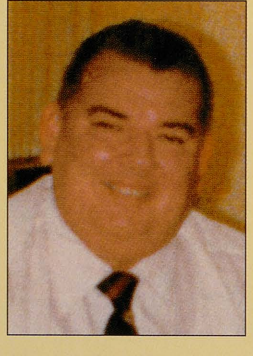
✪ **Helen Gilley Patterson** has retired after teaching school for 34 years. She writes "I attended TJC when Mr. Hodges served as President and TJC was still a part of Tyler High School. I am so glad for the expanded growth." Helen remembers that her class was the first to have a separate TJC yearbook, which was printed in paperback.

1947

✪ **Robert B. Walters** married Gladys Louise Alton on September 3, 1949, in New Orleans, Louisiana. They have three children, two girls and one boy, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Robert worked 43 years in the exploration and production division of the oil and gas industry. He retired as Manager of Land for Mitchell Energy Company on December 31, 1989. He and Gladys now spend their time with their children, traveling and tending to their farm in Nacogdoches County. Robert spends his spare time working on his family's genealogy.

1952

☆ **Bill Westmoreland** and **Marie Thomas** ('52) Westmoreland were two months short of being married 49 years when she passed away last May. Marie, an Apache Belle and Bill, an Apache Guard, went to the Little Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Bill was also a TJC bus driver, served in the Korean War, and retired from Lone Star Gas Company. He attended Southern Methodist University and is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University. He is the proud father of three sons and lives in Chandler.



1961

☆☆ **Cliff** and **Sylvia (McCulloch) Caskey** met at TJC in 1960 and were married in 1962. While at TJC, Sylvia was an Apache Belle and Cliff was Student Body President. After graduation from Stephen F. Austin State University, he worked for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and she was a teacher.They had two children, Britt (deceased) and Carla. They also have one grandchild, Scottie. They live on a farm outside of San Marcos. Cliff serves as President of Texas Fruit Grower's Association and Sylvia served on the school board, including six years as president. One of Cliff's fondest TJC memories is organizing the student bus trip to California's Little Rose Bowl Championship Football Game.

1964

Ellen Chadick is in her twelfth year as a graphic designer at Compaq Computer Corporation in Houston. She currently enjoys travel, family, friends and blues/jazz music.

✪✪ **Paul Felty** is the regional owner of Tradebank of Denver, which services eight counties in central Colorado with international bartering services. His wife, **Sue (Payne) Felty** works as a RN in the cardiac unit at Swedish Hospital at Englewood, located in the Denver area.

1965

✪✪ **Mollie (Estes) Bobo** and her husband, **Carroll**, own United Country Bobo Realty in Tyler. Established in 1999, they specialize in country and historical properties.

1967

✪ **Sara (Gresham) Parker** and her husband, Byron, reside in Forney, where she spends most of her free time restoring and caring for their home. Built in 1898, their home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as the Texas State Register of Historic Places.

1968

☆ **Nirund Jivasantikam** and his family live in Thailand. Nirund, president and founder of Yonok College in Lampang, also built Lampang Baptist Church, and started a Baptist Student Union. He also created the American-Thai Foundation for Education.

☆ **Gary Moseley** recently retired after serving 27 years as a successful teacher/coach in public education. He and his wife, Kathe, live in Frisco along with their two children; Dylan (age 14) and Molly (age 10). His favorite TJC memory was playing on two undefeated Texas Eastern Conference Championship Basketball teams under Coach Wagstaff. The highlight of which, was playing the University of Houston freshmen team in the Astrodome just before the famous "Game of the Century" (Houston vs. UCLA), which was nationally televised on January 20, 1968.

1970

Reverend E.K. Carter and **Betty Carter**, of Van, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2001 with a gathering of their children and grandchildren.

☆ **Sherrill (Smith) Kangas** resides in Waco and is a substitute teacher. Her two children currently attend Baylor University.

☆ **James F. Ruttenberg** has been a Financial/Estate Planner for 28 years. For the past 30 years he has also been a part-time pilot and an advanced EMT with the Stow, Ohio fire department. James and his wife, Debbie, have twin boys. At TJC he was president of Alpha Delta Kai and the Student Union.

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1972

✪✪ **Thomas A. Ramsour** is employed at Hydro-Walk Energy in Greenwood, Louisiana. His wife, **Sondra**, works in the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center at TJC. They have four children, April, Amber, Stephen and Jason.

1975

☆ **Carol Ann (Mallory) Beggs** had a wonderful trip to New York last year with the Apache Belles and Belle Gold. At TJC Carol was a member of the Zeta Phi Omega sorority. She writes, "I remember when TJC had sororities and fraternities and they all went to ball games."

1976

Donna Bullock and the cast of *A Class Act* appeared in the fall edition of *BMI Musicworld.* The group was photographed backstage at the Ambassador Theater while accepting a thank-you card, signed by all members of the BMI Lehman Engel Musical Theatre Workshop, for the contribution to the Workshop made by Donna.

✪ **Linda (Arps) Lewis,** former fifth grade teacher at T.J. Austin Elementary School, recently won re-election as district seven director for the Texas Classroom Teacher's Association; a position she has held since 1997.

1980

☆ **Lee Hayden Belcher** is returning to TJC (at age 42) for 29 hours of science courses. He plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler and graduate in 2004 with a BSN degree. He and his wife, Sandy, have two children, Krista and Keith.

☆ **Carolyn Corn** was chosen as TJC Adjunct Teacher of the Year and received her award during the Fall 2001 convocation. Carolyn is an instructor in the biology department.

1983

☆**Ann-Marie (Rodriguez) Marsh** has been employed by the Tyler Independent School District since the Fall of 1986. She is currently a bilingual kindergarten teacher at Douglas Elementary (recently honored as a Recognized Campus). Ann-Marie and her husband, Ronnie, live in Winona, where their children attend Winona schools. Her daughter plays the clarinet—the same instrument Ann-Marie played at TJC!

1984

✪ **Charmaine Barton** is presently employed as a buyer at the Blockbuster Video corporate offices in Dallas. At TJC Charmaine was a member of the Apache Belles, French Club, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

✪ **Jason Bryan Waller** has decided, after 19 years in local law enforcement, to return to TJC to teach in the Criminal Justice program.

✪ **David Wren** recently sold his home in Pennsylvania, in a matter of three days, and is moving in May to a new home.

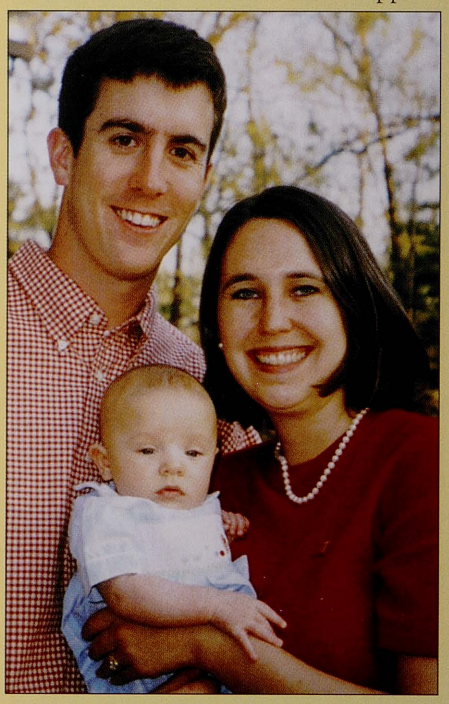
1992

✪✪ **Bonnie (Goggans) Bruce** and her husband, **Mark**, were married in 1997 after attending Southwest Texas State University. They both work at the Texas Capitol where Mark is a policy analyst for a joint committee on electric deregulation and Bonnie is a clerk for the Business and Industry committee, which oversees policy on workers' compensation. At TJC Bonnie was a member of Las Mascaras and Student Government.

1993

☆ **Katinya (King) Lilly** transferred to The University of Texas at Austin, where she became a member of the Texas Pom and continued her degree in computer science. She stopped attending school for three years and obtained a position as Assistant to the Mayor of Austin. Later, she gained a position as the City of Austin Web Producer, married Future Lilly in December 1998, and returned to school to finish her degree. In August 2000, she received her bachelor's degree in mathematics. Upon graduation, she received a job offer to work for Sabre as an Industrial Engineering Consultant. She and her husband moved to Lewisville, Texas in January 2001.

Jennifer (Turman) Smith and her husband **Kyle Smith** ('93) recently welcomed their first child, Luke Wiley on December 28, 2001, weighing 7 pounds 3.5 ounces. Jennifer graduated from Texas A&M University in December 1998 and Kyle graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1997 with Phi Beta Kappa



honors. Kyle will graduate from medical school at The University of Texas at San Antonio in May. The family will then move to North Carolina where Kyle will do his

residency, specializing in cardiology, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

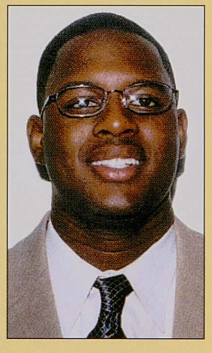
1987

Ty and **Terri (Spencer) Cooper** moved from Austin to Hawaii in July 2001 in order to start a business. They live in Oahu with their two precious daughters, Alexandra (age 8) and Caroline (age 3). Ty and Terri are enjoying their new life in paradise and recently celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary.

1996

☆ **Tara Y. Rhodes** and her husband, James, welcomed the arrival of their first child, Toby Glenn. Toby was born April 27, 2001, weighing 7.1 pounds and 20 inches long.

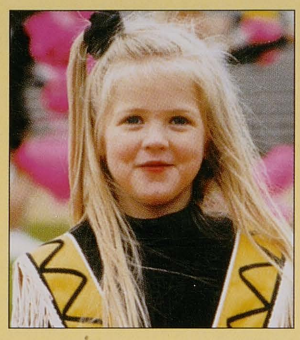
Kebharu H. Smith recently passed the Texas Bar Exam and is now licensed to practice law in the state of Texas. A Brooklyn native, Smith relocated to Tyler and attended Robert E. Lee High School; received an AA degree from TJC; BA degree from The University of North Texas then graduated with a Juris Doctorate from Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston in May. He is a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Currently, Smith is employed with the Law Office of Clark, Lea, Rutter & Ainsworth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Tyler.



1999

☆ **Cody D. Bristow** graduated in May 2001 from Texas A & M University with a bachelor's degree in finance. Cody presently lives in Palestine, where he works as a financial consultant at A. G. Edwards & Sons.

✪ **Robert W. Helt II,** a U.S. Border Patrol Agent, is stationed in Uvalde. He and his wife Emilie recently purchased their first home. Their only child, Kelsey, 6, is a proud Apache Belle Babe, and is looking forward to the next Belle Babes Workshop this fall.



☆ **Jessica (Rozean) Otte** is attending The University of Texas at Tyler and modeling in her spare time. She and her husband, Andrew, have one child, Caleb, who is two years old. While at TJC Jessica was involved in the Baptist Student Ministries.

Holly Peggram was recently awarded the Outstanding Senior Agriculture Journalism Major Award from Texas A&M University.

2000

☆ **Billy Gene Clay, Jr.** graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg in December 2001 and plans to attend The University of North Texas in Denton to obtain a master's degree in business administration/engineering technology.

☆ **Joseph L. Hunt** is a junior at The University of Texas at Austin studying radio, television and film. At TJC Joseph was involved in the liberal arts program.

☆ **Dexter Ervin Jones** recently started a new job at The University of Texas Health Center as Coordinator of Special Projects in the Lake Country Area Health Education Center Department

☆ **Brenda Stuart Kimbrell** plans to attend TJC during 2001–02, working towards completion of her pre-med degree and then transferring to Parker Chiropractic College. Brenda and her husband, Coy, have three children, Christy, Crystal and Whitney.

2001

☆ **Erinn (Leopard) Barnes** married her husband, Scott, in May 2001. They presently reside in Lindale.

☆ **Nicole Ann Biles** is a member of the golf team at Middle Tennessee State University while majoring in Business.

☆ **Candace D. (Cain) Aycock** is a registered nurse at Trinity Mother Frances and resides in Tyler with her husband Matthew and their three children: Caleb, 9, Mattison,7, and Makenna, 4.

☆ **Gregory L. Carter** is currently attending The University of Texas at Arlington. He has a son, Alexander, age 2.

☆ **Julie (Raiborn) Cochran** is currently employed as a dental hygienist in Tyler. She and her husband, Carl, have two children, Paisley and Nicholas. They recently moved into their new home in Whitehouse.

☆ **Kristina (Morris) Crim** is currently employed as a dental hygienist in Tyler. She has one child, Kaitlin, age 5.

☆ **Roxanne E. Dauper** is currently employed as a dental hygienist in Nacogdoches. She and her husband, Todd, make their home in Lufkin.

☆ **Maria (Ohmes) Dykes** presently attends Stephen F. Austin State University and is working towards a degree in elementary education. She looks forward to graduating and finding employment in the Tyler/Longview area.

☆ **Rogelia Espinoza** is currently a paraprofessional at Peete Elementary School and attending The University of Texas at Tyler. She and her husband Andres, are expecting their second child in May.

☆ **Mitzi (Beal) Garcia** is currently attending The University of Texas at Arlington, studying accounting, and

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volunteering at the Arlington Literacy Council as a tutor. She also works at the Dallas Trade Mart in the World Trade Center as a showroom manager. At TJC Mitzi was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Geology Club and worked as an athletics tutor.

☆ **Billy Mack Gipson II** is now in the Army Reserves and ROTC SMP Program at Stephen F. Austin State University.

☆ **Luther Gladney III** is now a student at The University of North Texas working towards a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. While attending TJC, Luther was involved in the TRIO program.

☆ **Roseanne N. Jennings** is very happy working as a RN for East Texas Medical Center. She writes, "I have to thank all of the instructors that helped so much along the way. I'll never forget Mrs. Bailey (LVN instructor), a wonderful asset to the TJC staff. Good luck to all the nursing students! Believe in yourself and think positive." Roseanne and her husband, Johnny, have two children, Courtney and Cassidy.

☆ **Tykeshia N. Kennedy** is currently enrolled in her business prerequisites at TJC and has been accepted at The University of Texas at Tyler for the 2002 spring semester.

☆ **Emily (Bannerman) Knackstedt** and her husband, Kris, were married June 9, 2001 and were expecting their first child in January 2002.

☆ **Why Laperrierre** has worked at East Texas Medical Center since 1996 and received a promotion upon graduation from TJC to a supervisor of the laboratory at the East Texas Medical Center–Whitehouse Clinic.

☆ **Derek W. McGee** graduated summa cum laude from TJC in the spring of 2001 and is continuing his undergraduate degree at Baylor University with plans to go to law school. At TJC he was a member of the golf team, Phi Theta Kappa, a Presidential Scholar and Junior College All-American Academic Athlete.

☆ **Lauren A. McMillan** is currently attending Texas A&M University. At TJC, she was an Apache Belle.

☆ **Kristie (Cooper) Moore** married her husband, Jeff, in June. She is currently employed by TJC as an interpreter for the deaf, while also maintaining her previous job at Dillards.

☆ **Kristie (Brandenburg) Morris** graduated May 12 and married her husband, Jarrod, May 19. They are now in the process of building their first home. Kristie is currently employed by TJC as an interpreter for the deaf.

☆ **Stacey (Riddle) Norrell** and her husband, Ted, were expecting their first child last December. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist in Canton.

☆ **Sonya (Freeman) Powell** gave birth to her son, Justin, on December 19, 2000. She then started a new career in March 2001and was divorced in September 2001. At TJC Sonya was a member of the Apache Respiratory Club.

☆ **Vickie (Burkham) Proudfoot** married her husband, Donald, in June of 2001 and is currently a manager at Best Water store in Lindale. Vickie has four children Mitchell, Misty, Taylor and Tyler. While attending TJC, Vickie belonged to Phi Theta Kappa.

☆ **Clint Barrett Sawyer** completed a co-op with Haliburton on January 7, 2001 and plans a second term at a later date. At TJC Clint was active in the Campus Christian Center.

☆ **Bethany L. Scheffrahn** has applied to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. She completed her summer internship in August at Grace Community Church in Tyler. At TJC, Bethany was a member of the Scholar's Academy, Phi Theta Kappa and Student Council.

☆ **Summer N. Stevens** is currently attending The University of Texas at Tyler to complete a degree in psychology. In her spare time she volunteers at the Alzheimer's Day Care. While at TJC, Summer was involved in FAS-Track and Phi Theta Kappa.

☆ **Shawna (Eiland) Stone** married her husband, Anthony, on June 30. She is a registered nurse at a Grand Saline hospital. At TJC, Shawna was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

☆ **Jennifer M. Taylor** is currently attending The University of Texas at Tyler majoring in interdisciplinary studies. At TJC, she was a member of the BSM, the Scholars Academy and the Apache Belles.

☆ **Lindsi (Williams) Weerts** married her husband, Michael, August 18 and recently moved into their new home. She is currently employed as a dental hygienist in Longview.

☆ **Carrissa S. Williams** is currently employed as an admissions representative at a Sulphur Springs hospital. At TJC, she was a member of the Residential Assistance Association.

☆ **Bryanna L. Wilson** and her husband, James, have been married for four years and had their first child, Leeann Renee on March 6. James graduated from the Dallas Fire Academy and works at the Mesquite Fire Department. Bryanna has retired from her lawn maintenance business and is enjoying spending time with their new daughter.

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Marriages

1977

Gail Nwaeze and **Larry Anderson**, Tyler

1982

Karon Stewart and **John Lee Starks** ('85), Irving

1983

Cynthia Conley and Reginald "B.J." Williams, Tyler

1984

Dee Ann Hilliard and James M. Tate III, Tyler

1985

Jennifer A. Shell and **Bobby D. Coe**, Tyler

1986

Christina Hunt and John Miles, Tyler

1987

Renee Meadows and **Hubert M. Snyder**, Tyler

1989

Phyllis J. Hill and Hosea Lee, Lewisville

Venitia M. Payne and Steven D. Robinson, Tyler

Karen R. Vann and **Kevin Huntsberger**, Tyler

1990

Kathryn M. Johnson and **Clarence E. Whitmore** ('77), Tyler

Catherine M. McKibben and **Greggory G. Davis**, San Antonio

1991

Janna E. Kemp and **Michael A. Perry**, Jacksonville, Fl.

Katrina M. Wade and Larry L. Pettigrew, DeSoto

1992

Daphna Morris and **Rev. Stephan Freeman**, Arlington

Melinda L. Stanley and **Hans C. Hermanns**, Tyler

1993

Phebe R. Luther and Bryan Mims, Tyler

Mary E. Rogers and Matthew C. Moore, Dallas

1994

Jessica A. Brown and **Craig A. Huddleston**, Tyler

Barbara Cox and Roy A. Gilleland Jr., Tyler

Carolynn M. McAdams and Michael W. Richey, Quitman

Sephronia R. Walker and Winston E. Allen, Tyler

1995

Sabrina M. Dudley and **Christopher M. Jones**, Tyler

Cindy Matura and Kirk Story, Tyler

1996

Kimberly L. Barton and Charles H. Wright, Chandler

Natalie Morphis and **Casey Casburn** ('98), Newport Beach, California

1997

Dana Farley and **Darrell Porter** ('01), Tyler

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1927

Myra Brooks Potter, November 1, Tyler

Jewel McMillan Simpson, January 6, Tyler

Margaret Edwards Talley, January 8, Fort Worth

1929

Andrew Joseph "Joe" Scott, October 17, Tyler

1934

Martha Odom Orr, March 13, Tyler

1935

C. B. "Jack" Owen, September 14, Tyler

1938

Doris Delight Plumer, January 6, Baton Rouge, LA

1939

Joseph Jackson, January 27, Carthage

1942

Archie E. Reynolds, February 10, Tyler

1947

Jack Holt, December 14, Lafayette, LA

1948

James Moore, January 29, Dallas

1949

A.C. Smart, November 21, Tyler

1952

Robert "Bob" Davidson, October 17, Tyler

1955

Barbara Thompson, August 11, Mesquite

1959

James R. "Jim" Welch, October 15, Tyler

Lester Lee Lanier, January 5, Marietta, OK

1961

Paul E. Watkins, October 17, Lindale

1964

Kaye Hayden Gideon, September 30, Tyler

1965

Jerry Stanley, December 7, Tyler

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1968

Delores Adams Harris, August 28, Houston

1970

Louise A. Jones, February 19, Tyler

1972

Steven D. Johnson, September 21, Lindale

1973

Dale Douglas Warnasch, December 3, Tyler

1976

Michael J. "Barney" Barnes, August 28, Wills Point

Bobbye Joe Gatti, January 18, Flint

1977

Roberta Way, December 13, Tyler

1979

Stormy Gale (Coburn) Jones, December 15, Lewisville

Stephanie "Stefani" Ann Little, January 22, Edom

1980

Marcus Dwayne Moore, November 8, Dallas

Hugh A. Kenner, December 7, Tyler

1952

Marie (Thomas) Westmoreland, May 31, Chandler

1981

James French, September 20, Tyler

1983

Charles F. Martin, August 2, Whitehouse

Dianne Dotson Williams, July 31, Tyler

1985

J.W. Mattasolio, January 16, Tyler

2001

Carmen Marie Shimer, January 13, Tyler

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Katherine C. Foltz, October 30, Tyler

Johnny Lee Fulgham, February 18, Tyler

G.D. "Geoff" Higgins, December 22, Enid, OK

Martha "Peggy" Hunter, October 22, Tyler

Wayne E. Keith, April 9, 2002, Tyler

Lavalla Ward, December 20, Tyler

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I remember when...

It was love at first sight but it took 30 years and the TJC Alumni Association for ✪ **Alicia Pappas** '73 and **John Armstrong** '73 to say, "I do!" In February 1972, she was a member of the Apache Belles and he played trumpet in the Apache Band when they first met in Wagstaff Gym.

"We were each other's first love and inseparable until graduation," said Alicia. In the fall of '73, John started classes at The University of Texas at El Paso and Alicia attended The University of Texas at Tyler. They grew apart, finished their educations, started their careers, married other people and later divorced.

"Last fall, 2001, I attended the 75th Anniversary Founders' Day celebration and Mr. Fowler, John's band director, and I started talking about him," Alicia stated. "After that, I just felt I had to contact him. So I called Betty in the Alumni office and got his current phone number."

She called him, he called her ... they e-mailed ... he flew to Tyler, she flew to El Paso. Almost 30 years to the day, they became engaged and were married June 1, 2002.

"TJC is always close to our hearts. It brought us together the first time and now the final time. We love you Tyler Junior College," Alicia Pappas.

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